

Fall 2022
COVID-19 Guidance
Department of Music
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I. Introduction

While all Furman University policies apply to the Department of Music, we have developed guidelines specific to certain activities within our department and Daniel Music Building because some of our activities generate aerosol particles which are invisible and may be infectious. These guidelines have been developed through a detailed review of the available scientific research, coordination with facilities management, and involve the collaboration of the department, COVID-19 Response Committee, and the Public Health and Safety Advisory Group. As the situation on and around campus evolves, this guidance may also change. Please check our website or with the department office for updates to these policies.

Faculty, staff, and students should not enter Daniel Music Building or participate in any Department of Music activity if they are symptomatic, have an active coronavirus infection, or are under investigation for a coronavirus infection until they have met Furman's criteria to return to campus. For students, that means they must be cleared to return by the Earle Student Health Center, and faculty and staff must follow the guidance of Human Resources.

While this guidance is directed specifically toward musical activity, students, faculty, and staff should follow all university, state, and local guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within our community. It is important to recognize that any one person's choices may have a profound impact on others. Any exceptions to these guidelines must be approved by the department chair.

Faculty and staff who require or may qualify for reasonable accommodations based on a disability may work with Human Resources to inquire about the ADA process. Students who require or may qualify for reasonable accommodations based on a disability may work with the Student Office for Accessibility Resources to inquire about the ADA process. Additionally, students, faculty and/or staff may receive notification that masks are required in classrooms or other spaces on campus to reasonably accommodate a student or colleague's confidential disability.

II. Ensembles

- General
 - Faculty/students are responsible for cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes.
- Bands and Orchestra
 - When students are playing indoors, they have the option of being masked and using bell covers on wind instruments. If opting to wear a face mask, it must fit properly and cover both mouth and nose when worn.
 - Wind and brass instrument bells should not be directed towards others.
 - Practice condensation valve hygiene. Furman will provide students with small, absorbent pads that can be disposed of after each rehearsal.

III. Applied Lessons

- Strings, harp, percussion, piano, organ, composition
 - Teaching studios must accommodate social distancing of 3 ft.
 - Faculty/students are responsible for cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes.
- Woodwinds and brass
 - When students are playing indoors, they may be masked and may use bell covers on wind instruments.
 - Teaching studios must accommodate social distancing of 6 ft.
 - Faculty/students are responsible for the cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes.
 - Practice condensation valve hygiene. Furman will provide students with small, absorbent pads that can be disposed of after each lesson.
 - Instrument bells should not be directed towards others.
- Voice
 - Teaching studios must accommodate social distancing of 6 ft.
 - Faculty/students are responsible for cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes.

IV. Practice Rooms

- Practice rooms are for practicing only, and reservations will again be made in two-hour blocks through SignUp Genius.
- Practice rooms have a maximum capacity of one person.
- If a HEPA unit is present, then the door should be left closed when you exit the space at the end of your practice session. The HEPA air cleaner should always be left on the medium setting during use and the highest setting when the room is vacant.
- Students are responsible for cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes.

V. Building Access

- Invited Guests
 - Furman groups from outside the Dept. of Music may use facilities only with approval from the Department Chair, provided their use conforms to these guidelines.
 - Non-Furman groups may use facilities only with approval from the Department Chair and the COVID Response Committee (obtained by the chair), provided their use conforms to these guidelines at a minimum.
- Concert Attendance
 - All Furman Department of Music concerts in Daniel Recital Hall are streamed via our [YouTube channel](#).
- Recruiting activities
 - Faculty and staff may begin meeting with prospective students and families in person. Faculty should meet the guests at the door to help them find their way into the building.
 - There are no limitations for outdoor meetings with prospective students and families.
 - All sample lessons should conform to the above guidelines.
- Room Usage
 - All room usage must be reserved through the departmental office; rooms must not be used if they are not reserved.

VI. **Ventilation/Mechanical Systems**

- All campus spaces have been reviewed by Facility Services for ventilation to ensure adequate air exchange and increased input of fresh air.
- Supplemental mechanical solutions such as HEPA air cleaners and higher efficiency air filters will be installed where necessary. These HEPA air cleaners must be kept running continuously on at least the medium setting and must not be moved from their assigned location.